

I know you are
receiving many
messages about the
Sinclair
Broadcasting issue.

I hope you take our
concerns seriously.

This is the worst
example I have ever
seen of a
corporation's effort
to manipulate the
information viewers
receive. It started
with Sinclair's
refusal to air a
Nightline program
that included a list
of American soldiers
killed in Iraq.
That was fair
warning that this
corporation was
willing and able to
use its power in a
manipulative,
politically biased
way.

Now, Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.